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Cecelia Rosenberg was born in Kobryn, Russia in 1908. (Kobryn is a city of 50,000 inhabitants near Warsaw, Poland.) She came from Russia to Madison, Wisconsin in 1922.

The Mazursky family owned and operated a flour mill just outside of the city of Kobryn and were considered wealthy peasants. Because of the location of their mill they were not able to carry insurance on it, so when it burned down in 1914 the family was left with not much more than the ground the mill was on. Shortly after this tragedy the father, Louis Mazursky, left his family and came to America to seek his fortune in the land of plenty. Here he began life as a rag peddler, but soon was able to go into the second-hand furniture business.

Not long after Louis Mazursky left Russia the war broke out and [no?] news arrived from him until after the Armistice. During the war the family suffered great hardships trying to make a living by farming the small tract of land where the mill once stood.

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In 1922 Mr. Mazursky was finally able to send for his family. Six months after they arrived they opened a grocery store on the corner of Mifflin and Henry Streets in Madison where it is now successfully operated by the children.